the Ministry of Finance to give two per-cent additional profit to fertilizer industry;

(b) if so, the basis and justification therefor;

(c) whether any reaction has since been received from Ministry of Finance in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when a final decision in this regard would be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Inter-ministerial consultations are in progress on the parameters for the new pricing period for the controlled segment of the fertilizer industry, including the rate of return to be allowed to the industry. Decision of the Government, when taken, will be made known.

(e) No particular date can be indicated at this stage, but every effort will be made to expedite the process.

Price revision of bulk drugs

1907. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several requests for price revision of bulk drugs have been kept whereas in case of certain bulk drugs prices have been revised with utmost speed;

(b) whether any study on this aspect is proposed to be carried out to determine the extent of vested interests; and

(c) what are the details of cases which are pending for more than six month and the details of cases where price increases were allowed within two months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) There is no case of price revision of bulk drug pending with this department for more than six months. Requests for revision are disposed off expeditiously and delays, if any, occur due to the lack of vital information having bearing on the decision. Such issues are also disposed off at the earliest depending upon the availability of information from the concerned manufacturers.

Impact of customs duty reduction on bulk drugs

1908. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the bulk drugs and formulations which have been affected by recent reduction in custom duties;

(b) what is the extent of duty reduction on the connected bulk drugs and formulations;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have not reduced the prices of formulations to the extent of duty reductions;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that duty reduction has been made to enable the importers to jack up cost, insurance and freight import prices; and

(f) if so, the names of the drugs where CIF prices have been increased and what are the names of imported and foreign suppliers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) In the Budget announced for the year 1993-94, the custom duty on drug intermediates/raw materials required for the manufacture of 192 bulk drugs has been reduced from various levels of 110.60 per cent to 50 per cent and the general maximum level of custom duty on bulk drugs/drug intermediates/formulations has also been reduced from 110 per cent to 85 per cent. The names of such bulk drugs/drug intermediates are given in the respective

notifications issued by Ministry of Finance on 28.2.93, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

The prices of scheduled bulk drugs/formulations are revised from time to time after taking account the latest rates of customs duty etc. The exercise of revising the prices of scheduled bulk drugs due to impact of reduced customs duty is going on. The prices of formulations based on such bulk drugs would also be reduced correspondingly.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Consumption of drugs and expenditure on Research and Development

1909. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the tremendous growth of Drug Industry, the average per capita consumption of medicines in India is Rs. 41/- per year which is one of the lowest consumptions in the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the current spending on Research and Development of the drug industry is only around 2 per cent of its turnover in India while the international drug industry spent nearly 12 per cent of their turnover on Research and Development;

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take so that our new policy on Drugs becomes pragmatic one, in tune with the liberalised industrial policy and to ensure abundent availability of drugs at reasonable price to common man; and

(d) by when the new Drug Policy is likely to be announced as its delay is hampering the very existence of drug industry; and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) These estimations are broadly correct.

(c) and (d) A Background Note on Review of Drug Policy, 1986 has been placed on the Table of the House on 12.8.1992 for discussion.

Disciplinary proceedings manual of IDPL

1910. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question 2262 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1992 and state:

(a) what is the reasonable time period prescribed to institute disciplinary proceedings and to issue charge sheet;

(b) whether IDPL had followed the rule number 11(5)(2) of the disciplinary proceedings manual and the 32(2)(a) of leave rules for Central Government employees while taking disciplinary action against its employees if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether rule 14(4) and rule 14(23)(5) of the said disciplinary proceedings manual were kept in mind by the IDPL manangement while issuing charge sheets to permanent employees, if not the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the disciplinary proceedings were completed, if not the reasons therefor; and

(e) what are the details of the guidelines of "proper sanctioning/refusal of leave" existing in IDPL and its implementation on its employees with reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) This has not been defined under the conduct rules. It may vary from case to case depending upon the attendent circumstances. Charge-sheet is not issued automatically or mechanically as application of the mind of the disciplinary authority in considering the entire facts and circumstances is a pre-condition for such disciplinary action.